

The RCC Weekly

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Basketball News

The RCC Men's and Women's Basketball Teams both earned playoff spots in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Basketball Tournaments.



The women departed for Rochester, Minnesota on March 14th. With a 26-4 record and ranked number 3 by the NJCAA Division III polls, they earned their second consecutive berth to the NJCAA Tournament. They were one of eight teams trying to win the National Championship. "Qualifying for the national tournament for consecutive years is a tremendous accomplishment for the team, the College and all our supporters," said Head Coach Mark Leszyk.

The ladies beat Northampton CC 64-57 on the 15th, beat Onondaga CC on the 16th and made their way to the finals on the 17th where Rock Valley beat the Tigers 82-64. Click [HERE](#) to watch the NJCAA Women's Final.



The men departed for Loch Sheldreke in Upstate NY on March 14th for their playoff series. They entered the tournament as the #3 team on the season end national poll, boasting a terrific season record of 22-3. The team, however ran into Bronx CC on the 15th and Brookdale CC on the 16th losing both games. They beat Milwaukee Area Technical College 88-81 on the 17th to finish 7th in the country. Click [HERE](#) to watch archived games.

Lecture

The Power of Peaceful Pursuits

*What International Youth Are Doing and
What Massachusetts Students Could Do*

Yvonne Vissing, PhD. Department of Sociology - Salem State University.

Tuesday, March 27 at 11:45 am in the Faculty Lounge.

What are youth across the world doing to further the pursuit of peace? Many other nations have made a greater commitment to child well-being than the United States – as an example, only two members of the United Nations has not ratified its Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the US is one of them! There is much to learn from other nations about their treatment and education of children, and how children elsewhere are taught to view peace. This presentation will focus on the following: a few case examples of specific youth who are actively pursuing peace efforts within different countries; a list of organizations that youth can work with for travel, education, volunteer, or work experiences; films that may make youth more aware of the issues, and websites that youth may wish to access to show them how to better incorporate the pursuit of peace in their own lives. The importance of cultural exchange programs will be a consistent thread throughout her presentation. Participants will leave with a portfolio of readily available resources through this pragmatic as well as philosophic presentation.



Dr. Vissing is a Professor of Sociology at Salem State University, where she developed its Center for Child Studies. A pediatric sociologist and head of the research unit for her department, she is also a member of the American Sociological Association's Departmental Resources Group, and is trained to work with higher education units to develop programs and conduct assessments and reviews. A former National Institute of Mental Health Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, she uses her skills to promote child well-being both in the US and abroad. She regularly travels to other nations to make professional presentations in this area, including at the Children's 2005 conference in Norway. She has also made presentations in India, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, and Great Britain. Dr. Vissing is the author of four books and many chapters and articles in the topic of social pediatrics, and has several due out. She also developed The Peace College, an intergenerational, international peace conference, held at Salem State College in 2004, and is active in the pursuit of peace.

This program is sponsored by:

RCC International Multicultural Institute

RCC Language Department

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(MaCIE) Lecture Series

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Bioinformatics Presentation

An RCC STEM student, Ms. Fatoumata Diallo, was accepted to present her work on Bioinformatics at the 2012 Northeast Undergraduate Research and Development Symposium (NURDS).

The event was held on March 10 and 11 at the University of New England in Maine. Fatoumata is a Biological Science major, and a Summer 2011 Bridges to the Baccalaureate intern. Her poster was on "Analyzing the Conformational Space of Proteins Using Mathematical and Computational Tools". It represents work that she did with the guidance of her Bridges mentor and her research team at UMass Boston. Last fall, Fatoumata also presented her work at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority



students (ABRCMS). Congratulations to this remarkable young woman on her achievements.

The events mentioned above represent some of the opportunities that Bridges students are exposed to. At these conferences, they present their work to a wider audience and network with peers and professionals in the field. In addition, throughout the year, students receive continuous support in the form of Facilitated Study Groups (FSGs) for college level science and math courses. Most important, however, are the Bridges summer internships which have proven to be invaluable in training students for the workforce. A message about this year's internships has been sent to all students. Faculty are asked to please encourage qualified students to apply to these and other STEM internships. Faculty support has been vital to the success of the Bridges program at RCC.

In case you missed it . . .

⇒ RCC and the STEM Division were featured on WBUR earlier this month. You can read about President Gomes, Dean Tala Khudari and Professor Stacey Olson's interview at www.wbur.org/2012/03/12/community-colleges-politics



⇒ Dr. Alane Shanks, former RCC CFO, now president at Pine Minor College, was a guest on the Callie Crossley Show, WBGH Radio, on March 5th. She was invited to discuss her views on Affirmative Action in the High Court. As some of you know, her doctoral dissertation is entitled *Thirty Years of Affirmative Action at Harvard Medical School: A Mixed Method Program Evaluation*. You can listen to the program at www.wgbh.org/programs/The-Callie-Crossley-Show-855/episodes/Mon-3512Affirmative-Action-in-the-High-Court-36707

Health Sciences News

Gloria Cater, Dean of Health Sciences, and Kyriss Rodriguez will be on a panel at the **Biomedical Science Career Student Conference** which will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1:30PM at the Westin-Copley. The panel is geared toward high school students and is entitled "Getting into College and Succeeding" This conference is held annually and expected to draw 1,000 students from all over the country. Conference website: www.bscp.org



The Health Sciences Division is proud to have hired a number of Alumni as staff and adjunct faculty members. Jayne Hamilton '08, Dorothy Bowers '08, and Isela Wellington '08 work as lab assistants and Djenny Lobo-Delaney '08, Vanessa Fernandes '08, Ketta Clodomir '09, Kenisha Farris '09, and Opal Morgan '08 have been hired as tutors with the help of the Balfour Funds.

A Discussion Among Colleagues

The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will host **A Discussion Among Colleagues: Best Practices and Outcomes of Early College Programming at City University of New York (CUNY)** at Massachusetts Bay Community College on April 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Eric Hofmann, University Director for Collaborative Programs, and Drew Allen, Director of Research and Evaluation for Collaborative Programs both of the City University of New York (CUNY) will provide an overview, best practices, and participation data, including short and long-term outcomes of

CUNY's early college programs with the New York City public schools. Diane Ward, Director of State Education Policy from Jobs for the Future, will provide brief comments.

To register online go to: april4earlycollege.eventbrite.com

Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program (CDEP) coordinators, staff responsible for early college initiatives and institutional research directors are the target audience. The event has generated a lot of interest and you are urged to register as soon as possible. Registration is capped at 70 participants.

Technology Apprenticeship

Jelani Lynch, Broadcast Media major presented an original video at the Private Industry Council (PIC) meeting on March 9th. Jelani's video was about the Technology Apprenticeship Program funded through the PIC.



President's Award

Dr. Gomes will receive the Ellen S. Jackson Award for Excellence in Education. The Award is part of THE CHAMPIONS OF FREEDOM AWARDS which will be presented on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at the Omni Parker House. Dr. Gomes is the only Community College President in the State who will be honored.



A CELEBRATION of OUTSTANDING LEADERS

The Freedom House Champions of Freedom Awards are given annually to outstanding individuals, non-profits and corporations in recognition of their commitment to diversity, educational achievement, community development and philanthropy.



RCC Tote Bags

Jump into Spring with a special hand crafted bag designed exclusively for Roxbury Community College. The bags which come with blue or black accents will be sold at the purchase price of \$20 each. All proceeds will support alumni programs



How can you get one?

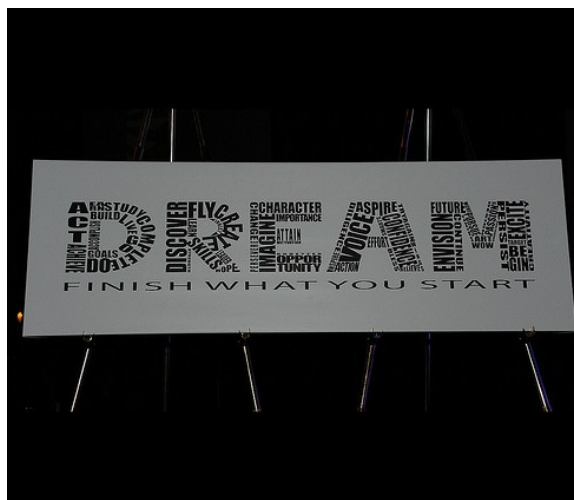
Bags can be purchased at the Development Office. You can stop by Room 306 in the Administration Building or you can call 617-541-5394. Checks should be made payable to Roxbury Community College Foundation. If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to the RCC Business Office.

A&D Annual Conference

Faculty and staff attended the annual Achieving the Dream Strategy Institute (also known as D.R.E.A.M.) in Dallas, Texas, from February 28th through March 2nd.

Dr. Barbara Savage (pictured left with Professor Sterling Giles) presented a poster presentation at the Conference.

You can visit the 2012 conference website at www.achievingthedream.org/DREAM2012 to check out the conference agenda, examine some of the presentation materials, and enjoy the photographs and submissions for the DREAM BIG video competition.



Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu